

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OSI Survey Report Summary

PROBLEM

The fundamental problem raised in this report is whether there is to be any production, coordination or review of scientific intelligence on a level higher than that of the three Services--Army, Navy and Air Force--and, if so, how it is to be achieved.

There are two possible ways in which it can be achieved; namely, (a) by a community effort; (b) by a totally independent CIA effort.

FINDING

The action of the Services in establishing JTIS and in abolishing the working committees of the SIC has created a situation in which community effort will be extremely difficult unless a new climate is created by an NSC study and directive. If this is not done, we might just as well abolish OSI.

SOLUTION

The very statement of the problem indicates the only common sense solution; namely, there should be a higher level review and it should be achieved by a community effort.

To bring this about, I believe that a directive on NSC level is required. Tab D indicates one possible such directive which would give a new frame of reference and a new start. I have not attempted a draft of the NSC paper from which such a directive would normally derive. This paper should be a staff effort, designed to create the climate under which agreement with the Services can be reached.

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